

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
DELTA DIVISION

RICKY GSCHWEND

PLAINTIFF

v.

Case No. 2:18-cv-00166 JTK

ANDREW SAUL, Commissioner
Social Security Administration

DEFENDANT

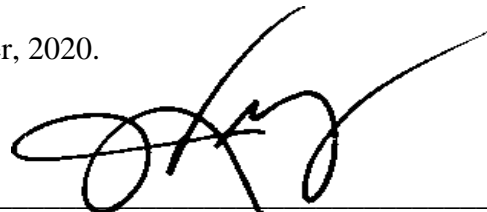
ORDER

Pending is Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney's Fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412 (DE #19). In the motion, Plaintiff requests \$2,645.19 in attorney's fees. The Commissioner filed a Response and does not object to the award. (DE #21) After careful consideration, the Court hereby finds the motion should be granted and Plaintiff be awarded reasonable attorney's fees.

EAJA fees are payable to Plaintiff, not Plaintiff's attorney, and such fees are subject to an offset when the Plaintiff has outstanding federal debts. *See Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S. Ct. 2521 (2010). Therefore, subject to any offset, payment by check to the order of the Plaintiff, in care of his attorney, will issue to Plaintiff's attorney.

Accordingly, the Motion for Attorney's Fees (DE #19) is GRANTED. Plaintiff is awarded \$2,645.19.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 3rd day of December, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. K. ...', is written over a horizontal line.

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE